

COUNTY OF YORK

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2004 (BOS Mtg. 3/16/04)

TO: York County Board of Supervisors

FROM: James O. McReynolds, County Administrator

SUBJECT: Transportation Enhancement Grant Endorsement – Watermen's Museum

The Watermen's Museum has prepared a grant application (attached) requesting funding through the Transportation Enhancement Program administered by the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Virginia Department of Transportation. This is the same program through which the County has received several grant awards to support the Yorktown Revitalization efforts. The Museum is requesting funding in the amount of \$520,000, to be matched at the required 20% level by funds budgeted by the Museum.

Transportation Enhancement Program guidelines require that applications be considered through a public hearing process and the local governing body endorse the request through adoption of a resolution. Accordingly, a public hearing on the Museum's request has been scheduled for the Board's March 16th meeting and a representative Watermen's Museum will be present to brief the Board and the public on the specifics of the request.

I believe that the improvements proposed by the Museum will complement the Board's efforts to revitalize the Yorktown waterfront. Enhancement of the Museum facilities and grounds will be particularly desirable given the pending extension of the Riverwalk across the Museum property. It should be noted that all improvements/additions to the Museum facilities will be subject to review under the YVA District regulations, and endorsement of this application does not supplant the Board's review and approval authority under those regulations.

I recommend that the Board endorse the Watermen's Museum grant application through the adoption of proposed Resolution No. R04-43.

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Attachments

- Watermen's Museum Grant Application
- Proposed Resolution No. R04-43